

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

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**IN RE: PETITION OF AT&T COMMUNICATION OF THE
SOUTH CENTRAL STATES, INC. FOR TERMINATION OF
THIS DOCKET AND COMMENCEMENT OF A NEW GENERIC
CONTESTED CASE PROCEEDING**

UNIVERSAL SERVICE

DOCKET NO. 97-00888

PETITION OF NEXTLINK, TENNESSEE LLC TO INTERVENE

NEXTLINK Tennessee, LLC ("NEXTLINK"), petitions to intervene, pursuant to T.C.A. § 4-5-310, in the above-captioned proceeding.

NEXTLINK is a competitive local exchange carrier certified to provide intrastate telecommunications service in Tennessee.

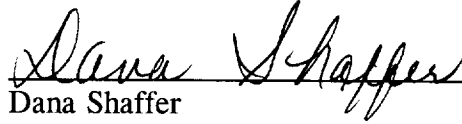
The above-captioned proceeding initiated by AT&T Communications of the South Central States, Inc. ("AT&T"), concerns the Authority's obligations under T.C.A. § 65-5-207 regarding universal service support mechanisms. Therefore, NEXTLINK's legal rights, duties, privileges or other legal interests may be determined in this proceeding.

Since no hearing date has been set, the interests of justice and the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings will not be impaired by granting this petition.

A proposed order is attached for the Authority's consideration.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Dana Shaffer", is written over a solid horizontal line.

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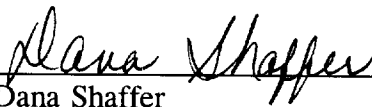
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ORDER GRANTING NEXTLINK'S PETITION TO INTERVENE

NEXTLINK Tennessee, LLC ("NEXTLINK"), has filed a petition to intervene, pursuant to T.C.A. § 4-5-310, in the above-captioned proceeding. It appears from the petition that NEXTLINK has a legally cognizable interest in these proceedings and that granting the petition will not impair the prompt and orderly conduct of these proceedings.

It is, therefore, ORDERED that:

1. The petition to intervene is granted; and
2. Any party may petition for reconsideration within ten (10) days from and after the date of this Order.

This ____ day of June, 1997.

CHAIRMAN

COMMISSIONER

COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:
